

AMPLIFY our Weekly Message / 4.4.21

These **discussions** and recommended **spiritual practices** are designed to help **AMPLIFY** the impact of our Sunday morning teaching from God's Word. Choose the ones that fit best in your context.

Sunday Discussion

This is designed to be an extension of our Sunday worship service. Take a few minutes to have this conversation with those who watched the worship service with you. If you watched alone, give another friend who watched alone a call and have the conversation over the phone.

What's an Easter tradition that you enjoy?

Share something that was said or sung in the worship service that resonated with you.

Take a moment to pray with and for the person with whom you just shared.

Daily Discussion

These are intended for conversation around the dinner table, in the car, or before bed at night (designed for ages 7 and up). Start each conversation by reading the passage listed.

Monday: Philippians 3:10-11. What is one thing that has helped you know Christ more deeply recently?

Tuesday: Philippians 3:10-11. What does it mean to experience the power of His resurrection? How can that play out on a normal day in your life?

Wednesday: Philippians 3:10-11. What does it mean to share in His suffering? How can that play out in a normal day of your life?

Thursday: Philippians 3:10-11. To share in God's suffering involves a resolve that the things of God are more precious than the things of this world. How does or doesn't that resolve play out in your life?

Friday: Philippians 3:10-11. What is a habit that you can change or implement in life that could help you become a deeper *Crucifixion and Resurrection Christian*?

Saturday: What part of Philippians has struck you in your reading of it recently?

Weekly Discussion

Spiritual friends are those who intentionally move into one another's life to spur one another on in spiritual growth for the Glory of God.

1. How has God encouraged or comforted you recently?
2. What's a way that you believe God has used you recently or wants to use you this week?
3. How has God challenged or corrected you recently?

What follows are some spiritual practices that we believe could feed your soul and advance His Kingdom this week.

An Inward-Focused Spiritual Practice

Daily spiritual discipline – Spend some time meditating on three passages this week: Philippians 3:10-11, Romans 6:3-11, and Ephesians 2:1-9.

Outline each of these passages in order to get more familiar with their basic message.

Using what you observe in these passages, create a two to four sentence paragraph in your own words that describes the Christian life.

Reflect on how that paragraph you've created does and doesn't describe your life.

Lastly, talk with the Lord about one thing you can do to better align your life with that paragraph.

An Outward-Focused Spiritual Practice

Seek to love those God places in your path. Be intentional to share Jesus's love through word or deed with them.

With the love of Jesus in view, reach out to a neighbor or co-worker or someone in need.

Get involved with one of the Shalom of the City outreach initiatives:

<https://www.covenantepc.org/ministries/shalom-for-the-city/>

Get on our weekly prayer email and start lifting these prayers and praises up to the Lord.